



**U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services**

**Non-Precedent Decision of the  
Administrative Appeals Office**

MATTER OF F- LLC

DATE: JULY 12, 2018

APPEAL OF TEXAS SERVICE CENTER DECISION

PETITION: FORM I-140, IMMIGRANT PETITION FOR ALIEN WORKER

The Petitioner, a provider of investment management services, seeks to employ the Beneficiary as a principal software engineer/developer. It requests his classification under the second-preference, immigrant category as a member of the professions holding an advance degree or its equivalent. Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act) section 203(b)(2)(A), 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(2)(A). This employment-based, “EB-2” category allows a U.S. business to sponsor a foreign national with a master’s degree, or a bachelor’s degree followed by five years of experience, for lawful permanent resident status.

The Director of the Texas Service Center denied the petition. Although the Beneficiary’s foreign degree equates to a U.S. master’s degree as required by the labor certification,<sup>1</sup> the Director found that the Petitioner did not establish the Beneficiary’s possession of a degree in a field of study acceptable for the offered position. On appeal, the Petitioner submits additional evidence and asserts that the Beneficiary’s foreign degree equates to the required degree in an acceptable field of study.

Upon *de novo* review, including thorough consideration of the educational documents submitted, we find that a preponderance of evidence establishes the Beneficiary’s possession of a foreign equivalent of the required degree in an acceptable field of study. Thus, the record on appeal establishes the Beneficiary’s possession of the educational requirements of the offered position.

**ORDER:** The appeal is sustained.

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<sup>1</sup> The labor certification alternatively allows a U.S. bachelor’s degree followed by five years of post-baccalaureate experience. The labor certification also permits a foreign educational equivalent.